Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.— May I know whether this money has been actually spent or it is only a provision?

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—We have sanctioned Rupees five lakhs, but they have not yet drawn it.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Has the necessary staff for spending this sum of Rupees five lakhs been appointed by the Local Self-Government Department or the Public Works Department?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The Local Self-Government will give all assistance to the Municipality.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—May I know whether that has been done by this time?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It has not yet been done fully. The staff has been sanctioned probably partially.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—May I have a clarification with regard to the answer to (*b*)? My question was about construction, and the reply is about the scheme. What is the difference between construction and scheme?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The scheme which is for Rs. 139·6 lakhs is ready. It has to receive the sanction of the Government of India. We have recommended to them as a special case that 50 per cent of the amount may be given by them as grant and 50 per cent as loan. We have not yet received any reply to that and it is pending with them. In the meantime in order that the work may be taken up immediately, we have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 5 lakhs.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I am asking for information as to whether there is distinction between scheme and construction.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—My friend knows it. It requirs no special answer.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Have any steps been taken for construction?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Construction has not yet started.

Construction of Bridge across the river Suvarnavathi near Alur.

*Q.—342. Sri B. RACHIAH (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether detailed estimate has been prepared for the construction of a bridge across the river Suvarnavathi near Alur in Chamarajanagar taluk;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost thereof?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 4,50,000.

Sri B. RACHIAH.—Has sanction been accorded to the plans and estimates?

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Not yet.

Sri B. RACHIAH.—Is it not a fact that this scheme is included in the 1958-59 Centrally sponsored schemes?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Budget provision has been made and it is included in the Centrally sponsored schemes. We will take it up as soon as we get the sanction of the Government of India.

Sri B. RACHIAH.—Are Government convinced of the necessity of having this bridge at this place in view of the fact that it connects about 50 villages with the taluk headquarters by cutting short the distance by 9 miles?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government are convinced that it is a necessity and they will take all necessary steps to expedite the matter.

Sri B. RACHIAH.—Is it not desirable to accord sanction to the plans and estimates for execution of this work in anticipation of getting the approval of the Central Government?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The suggestion of the Hon'ble Memeber will be examined.

Minister's Statement re: Question No. 32

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—Sir, while replying to question No. 32 I made a reference to the Kolar Gold Mining Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1956. I will read only the relevant section, namely section 9 which clarifies the whole point: